Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 09 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 10 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 08 Dec 2020 at 11:12 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for an unsettled period with mainly southeasterly winds and the eastern ranges seeing the worst of the poorer conditions. Medium confidence for the amount of cloud and rainfall for the next few days.

Headline for Wednesday 09 Dec 2020: Mainly dry but quite cloudy, light southeasterly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 09 Dec 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet showers (night)	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Dull
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%

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Weather: A mainly dry day but quite a lot of cloud around the North Grampian ranges, hopefully a few sunny intervals will break through. Any periods of sunshine will be short lived as cloud thickens from the west later in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% chance, some scattered cloud will fall below the summits at times but cloud mainly staying above all but the highest summits.

Visibility: Mainly good or very good but perhaps falling moderate later in the day.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	9/12 S	8/10 S	9/12 SE	14/20 SE	17/24 SE	17/23 SE	18/24 SE	25/34 SE	28/37 SE
900	5/6 S	4/6 S	5/7 SW	10/14 SE	11/15 S	12/17 SE	15/22 SE	20/28 SE	26/38 SE
600	3/5 S	3/4 SW	3/5 SW	4/7 S	6/9 SE	5/9 SE	7/13 S	8/14 SE	15/26 SE
300	3/6 SE	3/6 SE	3/7 SE	3/7 SW	4/8 SW	4/9 SE	5/9 NE	5/9 E	5/10 E
Glen	2/6 W	2/5 SW	3/6 S	3/8 S	4/11 S	3/11 S	4/11 S	3/10 SE	3/12 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-8	-4/-8	-3/-8	-3/-9	-3/-10	-4/-11	-4/-11	-4/-13	-4/-13
900	-0/-3	-0/-3	-0/-3	-0/-5	-0/-5	-0/-5	-0/-6	-0/-7	-0/-7
600	1/-1	1/-1	1/-1	1/-1	1/-1	1/-2	1/-2	1/-3	2/-3
300	2/1	2/-0	2/-0	1/-2	2/0	2/-1	1/-2	1/-2	1/-1
Glen	3/1	2/0	1/-1	1/-1	3/1	3/1	2/-1	1/-1	2/-1
Freezing Level*	800m	800m	800m	800m	800m	700m	700m	600m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Southeasterly winds set to strengthen in the afternoon and feeling very cold on the tops.

Forecast for Thursday 10 Dec 2020
Weather: A weak weather front will sit across much of Scotland on Thursday with cloudy dull conditions and some outbreaks of light rain, or snow above 1000m, at times. Staying mainly dry on more northerly ranges. Rain becoming heavier on Thursday night.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 15-20mph with gusts 30-35mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Some low cloud is likely for some western ranges like Ben Alder and Rannoch where cloud bases maybe around 3-400m, further north and east around the Cairngorms cloud bases should be around 6-700m. So 30% chance of some breaks in the cloud with a better chance likely around the cairngorms and Lecht hills.

Visibility: Moderate visibility, perhaps good at times in the east.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 rising to 4 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: Around 1000m rising to 1200m.

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